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Foursomes will be paired with a professional golfer and will enjoy a post-tournament awards ceremony.

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STATESBORO, Ga. - The Crawford, a Pro-Am Golf Tournament hosted by the men's and women's golf teams at Georgia Southern University, will be held Monday, April 30, 2018, at Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro.

The annual event includes a full round of golf with a professional golfer and a post-tournament awards ceremony, as well as live and silent auctions.

Named after longtime Georgia Southern supporter, Gene Crawford, the annual tournament provides an opportunity for all alumni, friends, businesses and the community to help support Eagle Golf, with proceeds benefiting the men's and women's golf programs.

For talented, or lucky, players, a hole in one prize is available! Participants will also have the option to buy a "Move Up a Hole" for \$10 per person. A wide selection of raffle prizes is also available for golfers to purchase tickets for, which are cash only on the day of the event.

"The Crawford Pro-Am has been a staple in the Georgia Southern Golf Family for 35 years, and we are excited to host our alumni and supporters in Statesboro once again. This event is one of our favorite days of the year because Georgia Southern Golf and Eagle Nation meet for a great day of fellowship at Forest Heights, home of the Schenkel Invitational!" said men's head coach, [Carter Collins](#).

"The Crawford Pro-Am is something we have been fortunate enough to be a part of for the last few years. The history, tradition, and excitement that surround the Crawford make it a special day for the golf programs!" added women's head coach, [Emily Kuhfeld](#).

Each team will consist of four players and a professional golfer playing in a scramble format. The individual entry fee is \$200 and includes the green and cart fees, one raffle entry, a mulligan, a tee gift, refreshments and cocktail hour, dinner and an awards ceremony following the tournament. In addition, The Crawford also offers five different sponsorship levels starting at \$100. Macon Occupational Medicine became the first sponsor at the Eagle Excellence level, which is the highest sponsorship of \$3,000.

The Crawford is the primary fundraiser for the Georgia Southern golf programs and has played a vital role in the success of the men's and women's golf programs. Proceeds from the event help provide the tools needed to compete at the highest level and provides resources and experiences for student-athletes.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. - Registration

1:00 p.m. - Shotgun start (scramble format)

5:30 p.m. - Cocktail hour and awards ceremony along with a silent and live auction

Registration is open, and individuals interested in playing in the Pro-Am or sponsoring the event can sign up online at GSEagles.com/ProAm and may contact men's golf coach [Carter Collins](mailto:cartercollins@georgiasouthern.edu) at (912) 852-3771 or cartercollins@georgiasouthern.edu with any questions.

The Crawford Pro-Am is open to all interested individuals. The Georgia Southern golf programs are also hosting alumni events that weekend, and many former Eagles are expected to stay in town for Monday's Pro-Am.

All entry fees and contributions are tax-deductible within IRS restrictions.

About Gene Crawford

Alumni Eugene "Gene" Crawford (1933-2014) served as one of Georgia Southern's true ambassadors since beginning his career on campus as alumni director in the early 1970s. He served as a member of the initial steering committee to bring football back to Georgia Southern, earning the appointment from then-president Dr. Dale Lick. Along with Erk Russell, Crawford was instrumental in the recruitment of Ronald "Bo" Ginn to cultivate and foster the philanthropic efforts of Allen E. Paulson Stadium. He was also an ardent supporter of Georgia Southern's golf program, volunteering many hours as a committee member of the prestigious Schenkel Golf Invitational while also handling the scoreboard duties for the annual event. He also played a vital role in establishing and operating the golf program's Pro-Am Golf Tournament, which was ultimately named after him. In 2004, Gene Crawford was inducted into Georgia Southern Athletics Hall of Fame for unwavering support of the Athletics program.

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